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Also, An account of the pretended Treachery which she was to  
discover to the *Bench*; and the reason of her return from *Jemeca*.

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**I**t is to very good reason that the  
Scripture forbiddeth us to ab-  
stain from the Lusts of the flesh,  
and the Eyes, which is of the  
World, and the Corruption of  
our own Natures; for by it we  
are drawn & enticed to all man-  
ner of evil, it being as it were a  
corrupt Root, that sendeth forth most bitter soweth  
and rotten fruit: and this happeneth not only when  
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the Goods and Riches of the World are in our eye, but also when one lusteth after dishonest and unchast Delights: This Corruption it is that bringeth forth Whoredoms, Adulteries, Thefts, Cheats, and many other Sins, whereout springs forth many times floods of Mischiefs, as may more fully appear in the Relation of a most notorious woman, which here followeth:

January the 16th. 1672. Mary Carlton the German Princeffe, was brought from the Marshallses in Southwark, to take her Tryal in the Old-Bailey, in Mr. John Lowmans Coach, where at her first appearance; The Judge examined her if she were the same woman that went by the name of Mary Carlton, that was not long since Banished this Kingdom: To which she answered, she was the same person; the Judge demanded the reason of her Return: To which she answered that she had somewhat that troubled her Conscience about Treachery which she had a great desire to discover, and till she had made it known to the Government, she could not be at quiet; and upon that account she thus transgressed the Law of her being Transported, only to make those things known which lay so much upon her, till she had made a discovery of it: The Judge demanded of her to declare those things to the Court: To which she answered it was not convenient to discover what she had to say in so publick a place, and therefore she desired time; the which was granted betwixt that and the next morning to make her Discovery; the which was to be the 17 day, which being come, she was brought from New-gate to the Sessions-house in the Old-Bailey; and there called to appear at the Bar, where was an



an Indictment exhibited against her by a Taylor in Chancery Lane; for stealing a Silver Tankard and some other pieces of Plate, to the which she pleaded she never Lodged in the house in all her life; but after speaking with the Mistris and others, that lost those things, she said you may prosecute the Law against me, and you will lose all, which if you do not prosecute, you may have your Plate again. Another in Aldersgate-street, brought an Indictment against her likewise for stealing Plate and several other Indictments brought against her, for many Robberies, and other Cheats she hath committed since she came over; but all these did her no harm; & Judge insisted only upon the matter of her coming over, notwithstanding her Banishment, for which she is Condemned to be hang'd: Before Sentence she Pleaded her Belly; upon which twelve Gentlewomen were pickt out to find whether she was with Child or not; they brought in their Verdict that she was not with Child.

One thing I had like to have omitted, which is this. on Fryday January 17. 'twas ordered by the Court at the Sessions House, that two or three of that Honourable Court should go to New-gate, to enquire of the Princess what that Treachery was that she was not willing to discover before the whole Court; withal telling her, that if she impeach any other, it would make the better for her self; she refused to discover any others, but the Treachery she told them was thus, When she was banished, there was 25. others banished with her, and when they came out at Sea, these 25. agreed altogether with her to murder the Master and all that were in the Ship, and to have the Ship and Goods to what Countrey

Countrey they pleased; and they had further agreed that notwithstanding there were 25. of them, she should have the third share of what the Ship and Goods were worth; this she said she discovered to the Master, upon which he made to the next Port, and when he came there he got some help, and put them all in Irons; sometimes after they all arrived in Jamaica, when they were there, she was so much in favour with the Master of the Ship and the Governor of Jamaica, for the Treachery she had discovered, that she was set at liberty to go where she pleased, but while she was there, the Countrey not agreeing with her, she had a fit of Sickness, all which time she had two Doctors ordered to wait upon her, when she was a little recovered, she, as she said, trusted so much to the Kings Mercy for the good she had done in saving the whole Ships Company alive, that she ventured to come over again in that very Ship that carried her.

I shall now acquaint you with one story more of this infamous Princess, which was the last of her pranks, just before her last taking; the story is thus, she took a Lodging in St. James at Mr. Aspins, one of the Kings Watchmakers, she told him that the rest of her family was in few days to follow, which were sixteen more, for all which she had Lodging provided, after she had been there a night or two, she complained to Mr. Aspin that the knocking about his Trade did somewhat disturb her, he gave her a Complement, telling her that he should avoid giving her any disturbance as much as might be; then she began to commend the ingenuity of his trade, which she did very highly, withal telling him what a rare Watch her father had made triangular ways (but

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He did not say a word of his being a good Fidler in  
 Canterbury) and how that she desired to have such a  
 one as that, he told her that was an old fashion and  
 he had none of them, but any sorts that were now in  
 fashion he had, upon which she desired to see what  
 rare Matches he had, then he had her into his Shop  
 and into his Chamber where his Matches were,  
 and let her take her view, she was very well pleased  
 with what she had seen, and bespoke a Watch for her  
 self; a day or two after this he invites her Land-  
 Lord and Land-Lady to see a rare Play, which was  
 to be Acted that day at the Dukes Play-house, which  
 after some intreaty they excepted of, when they had  
 seen the Play the Princess invited them to the Ta-  
 vern, telling them that she would give them a treat  
 there, for that now she was at liberty, but after her  
 family came to Town, she must keep more at home  
 to look after them: to be brief, he got them to the  
 Tavern, and there called for Wine and Oysters  
 plenty, when she had kept them there so long that  
 they were not willing to stay any longer, the Prin-  
 cess her Maid comes in and speaks to her, after  
 which the Princess tells her Landlord and Land-  
 lady that Oysters were not enough to satisfy her,  
 she must have a Beards Tongue, or some other thing  
 that was good to eat after Oysters, and that she  
 would go down to the People of the House and see  
 what they had, her Landlady desired her not to give  
 herself that trouble, but rather to send for the Man of  
 the House and speak to him, he answered that would  
 not do so well, for there were thirty persons that  
 were to dine with her there the next day, and she must  
 give order to the Mistress of the House what to pro-  
 vide, so down she went, but coming up no more; when  
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She had been a pretty while, her Landlord called to the  
 people of the house, to know what was become of  
 her, they told him that they knew her not, nor where  
 she was gone, so in short, her Landlord was left to  
 pay the long Reckoning, and to go home to seek his  
 Tenant: when he came at home he was not there  
 nor her Maid, he had left at home only his maid and  
 the Princess her maid, he inquired who had been  
 there, his maid told him only two Gentlewomen to  
 inquire for his Landlord, and that she told them that  
 he was gone to see a Play, how long since, said the  
 Gentlewomen, about an hour replied the maid, when  
 do you think she will be back, said they, about two  
 hours. Well said the Gentlewomen, we must speak  
 with her this night, they went into her Chamber and  
 we will stay there till she comes, the maid invited  
 them into her Chamber, then they desired a Bottle  
 of Wine to be fetched, which the maid did, but she  
 stayed not long enough as it seemed for them to finish  
 their works, so they tasted the Wine, and said it  
 was so bad they could not drink it, then they sent the  
 maid to another Tavern further off, where they said  
 they were sure was that which was good, the maid  
 went, and before she came back again they had so far  
 finished their work, that as it appeared presently af-  
 ter, when Mr. Aspinall came to look for his matches  
 they had taken away twenty five, six of which were  
 gold, and some money, in all tallied valued at near  
 700 pound, state that when this work was done the  
 Princess maid went to the Tavern to give the no-  
 tice, which made her steal away from her Landlord  
 and Landlady.



